

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
APRIL 20, 1955

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, April 20, 1955; Councilmen Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, Robinson and Mayor Fuller present; none absent. City Attorney Mullen and City Manager Weller were also present.

Minutes of the previous meetings of January 19, 1955, February 2, 1955, and April 6, 1955, were approved with the following addition to be made to the minutes of February 2, 1955:

Under the paragraph entitled "Tweedy-Hanes Rezoning Appeal Denied" insert the following sentence after the first sentence of the direct quotation from Councilman Robinson: "(In this instance I believe it is inevitable that if the south side of Lodi Avenue remains zoned commercial, the north side will eventually attain the same status)".

ROBINSON  
ELECTED  
MAYOR

Mayor Fuller then stated that under provisions of Resolution No. 1524 of the City Council the term of office of the Mayor is set at one year. He then called for the election of the Mayor for the coming year. The City Clerk then called for nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilman Mitchell moved, Hughes second, that Councilman Willard Robinson be elected Mayor for the coming year. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Robinson thanked the Council for its confidence in him as he took the chair of the presiding officer.

COMMUNICATIONS

HILLMAN  
RESIGNS FROM  
PENSION BD.

Letter from Robert E. Hillman stating that he will be leaving Lodi in the near future, thereby necessitating his resignation from the Pension Board. His resignation was accepted with regrets by the City Council on the motion of Councilman Richey, Hughes second. A letter of appreciation was directed to Mr. Hillman. Appointment of a successor was deferred to a later meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PARKING LOT  
EAST OF  
CITY HALL

Mr. L. E. Wagers and Mr. Fred Heagarty addressed the Council on behalf of the West Pine Street Merchants' Association to state that it was the feeling of their group that the recently completed parking lot immediately east of the City hall should be a public parking lot rather than a lot restricted to users of the City Hall and public employees. They stated that there were twenty-two parking spaces at the rear of the City Hall which were sufficient to care for the City-owned vehicles. City Manager Weller stated that it should not be implied that the entire lot represented an increase in parking spaces, but rather that there was a net increase of fourteen spaces over and above those used by the City prior to construction of the new area on the front portion of the lot. He also stated that policing a portion of the lot would be very difficult, particularly if it required the reservation of spaces for City-owned

automobiles. Mr. Wagers stated that they felt the facilities were provided with public funds and therefore should be used by the public. Mr. Weller replied that it had never been considered to exclude the public, but that it was with the public using the City Hall to pay bills or carry on business that he was first concerned. He also pointed out that one criticism of the Hall of Justice had been that plans did not provide enough parking area for its patrons. A motion by Councilman Mitchell designating the lot a public parking lot and setting the parking limit at two hours did not receive a second. The matter was tabled for further study.

N.S.J. COUNTY  
COORDINATING  
SERVICES  
REQUEST USE OF  
QUONSET HUT

Mr. Elza B. Cooper addressed the Council to inform them that the Northern San Joaquin County Coordinating Services had been incorporated as a non-profit organization to coordinate the work of other relief agencies and to provide other welfare services. He stated that he felt the organization had progressed sufficiently to warrant the request for use of the quonset hut on North Stockton Street. Councilman Fuller stated that there still seemed to be an air of mystery regarding this organization, and asked if the directors would be willing to sit down and discuss the matter freely with the Council. Mr. Cooper replied that they would be happy to do so at the convenience of the City Council. Councilman Fuller also stated that he was reluctant to get the City in the welfare business, so he wants assurance that the organization is sound from a financial standpoint. Mr. Weller suggested that the Northern San Joaquin County Coordinating Services submit a formal request to the City Council.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

GAS TAX  
AGREEMENT

RES. #1861  
ADOPTED

The City Manager submitted a Second Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement for Expenditure of Gas Tax Allocation for Major City Streets as received from the Division of Highways. Resolution No. 1861, approving said agreement and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute it on behalf of the City was adopted on the motion of Councilman Richey, Fuller second.

CURB & GUTTER  
SPECS

Specifications for the construction of curb and gutter in conjunction with the street work covered in the above agreement were approved on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Hughes second.

SEWER BIDS  
REJECTED

RES. #1863  
ADOPTED

Mr. Weller reported that two bids had been received for the construction of sewers in Sacramento Street, Tokay Street, Ham Lane, Lake Home Drive and Turner Road. Included were a bid from Stockton Construction Company of \$43,347.39 and one from W. M. Lyles Company of \$29,444.61. He added that it was the City Engineer's recommendation that the bids be rejected because the work can be done cheaper with City forces. On the motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second, the Council adopted Resolution #1863, rejecting all bids and ordering the work done by force account.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$112,839.29 were approved on the motion of Councilman Richey, Hughes second.

## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

ZONING  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Mr. Weller read a report of the Zoning Committee of the Planning Commission which contained the following items:

1. Approved an adjustment to the front yard requirement to permit the construction of a six-foot fence up to ten feet from the property line for Mr. Robert Sivel of 440 Cross street.

2. Heard request of Mr. Allen, owner of Suds and Duds Laundry, for permission to install a 200-pound washing machine at his place of business at 531 North Hutchins Street. The maximum size of washing machine permitted in the C-1 Zone under present Commercial Use List is 50 pounds. The Commission adopted C.P.C. Resolution No. 7, amending the Commercial Use List to include "one 200 pound washing machine" to the description of laundries permitted in the C-1 Zone. The Commission approved a Use Permit for Mr. Allen to install said machine, subject to approval by the City Council of Resolution C.P.C. 7.

AMEND  
COM. USE LIST  
RES. #1862  
ADOPTED

On the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Hughes second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1862, amending the Commercial Use List adopted by Resolution No. 1719 to include laundries with 200 pound washing machines.

RECOMMEND  
KUNDERT SUBD.  
REZONING

Councilman Mitchell then moved, Fuller second, that the City Council recommend to the City Planning Commission that consideration be given to the rezoning of that property in the Kundert Subdivision between Hutchins Street and the railroad tracks from C-1 to C-2 District. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

LAWRENCE  
RANCH  
REZONING

Mr. Weller reported that the Planning Commission had approved the rezoning from R-1 to C-1 of that property fronting on Cherokee Lane as shown in the tentative map of Lawrence Ranch Subdivision. It had also approved the rezoning from R-1 to M of that property bounded by Stockton Street, Lawrence Avenue, S. P. Company right of way, and the City boundary line. On the motion of Councilman Richey, Hughes second, the Council set a public hearing on said rezoning for May 4, 1955.

MITCHELL  
APPOINTED  
TO C.P.C.

Mayor Robinson then stated that he had served as a member of the City Planning Commission for three years and he now wished to appoint Councilman Boyd Mitchell to the Commission to fill the seat occupied by a Council member. The Council then voted to approve Councilman Mitchell's appointment.

ANNEX  
57TH  
ADDITIONORD. NO. 527  
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 527, ENTITLED "APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE 57TH ADDITION, LANDS NORTH OF KETTLEMAN LANE AND EAST OF FAIRMONT AVENUE, TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI", having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 6, 1955, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Richey, Fuller second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Hughes, Mitchell,  
Richey and Robinson

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Ordinance No. 527 was then signed by Mayor Robinson in approval thereof.

CAPITAL  
OUTLAY  
PLAN

Councilman Fuller then referred to recent criticism of the City Council by a member of the Recreation Commission for lack of action in relation to purchase of land for park development in conjunction with school sites. Councilman Fuller stated that if it was the desire of the Recreation Commission that the City buy part of the new school property for park purposes, he would favor making this purchase to the purchase of Emerson School grounds. He added that he thought the Council should give more attention to the recommendations of the Recreation Commission. Mr. Weller pointed out that the Council should not overbalance the City in the direction of one function simply because there happens to be a Commission interested in that particular function. He suggested that the Council develop an over-all capital outlay plan after meeting with the Recreation Commission, the Library Board, and the various department heads. This plan should list all projects requiring capital outlay, the costs of the projects, and the priority of each project. The suggestion met general agreement with the Council. Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, addressed the Council to state that the Commission was interested in saving the small triangle of property purchased from M. F. Ayers for a playground for small children. He further suggested that more joint meetings be held between the City Council and the Recreation Commission. Mayor Robinson agreed that there may be a need for more meetings of this nature.

ANNEX  
WESTERN  
ADDITION

ORD. NO. 528  
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 528, ENTITLED "APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE WESTERN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 6, 1955, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Hughes second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Hughes, Mitchell,  
Richey and Robinson

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Mayor Robinson then signed Ordinance No. 528 in approval thereof.

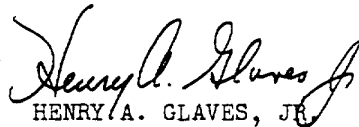
MAYOR'S  
PROGRAM

Mayor Robinson then addressed the Council to state that it was an honor to serve Lodi as its Mayor. He then listed the following as items which he hoped would be given consideration by the City Council during the coming year:

1. Remodeling of the City Council Chambers to bring the Council table closer to the audience and the installation of a public address system in the room.
2. The formation of an off-street parking district.
3. Consideration of the Master Plan.
4. Construction of a new fire house.
5. Study of partial integration of the Police and Fire Departments.
6. A new dog pound constructed.
7. A bicycle path to Lodi Lake Park.
8. More efficient handling of parking meter tags.
9. A change in utility billing procedures.
10. Action to either retain or abolish the planting strips in the center of Central Avenue.
11. Consideration of proposed shopping centers and industrial sites.
12. Widening of the south side of West Lodi Avenue from School Street to the S. P. Company tracks.
13. Taking action on the Lodi Arch question.

The meeting was then adjourned on the motion of Councilman Richey at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.  
City Clerk